

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the life and service of
Phyllis Rowe Funk.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the life and service of Phyllis Rowe Funk.

Whereas, Phyllis Rowe Funk was born in 1921 in Corydon, Indiana, Indiana's first State Capitol. She graduated from high school and went on to Nurse's training in Louisville, Kentucky, at Norton's Infirmary, now known as University of Louisville School of Nursing;

Whereas, After graduating from nursing school, Phyllis joined the Army on November 1, 1943. The Allies fighting World War II needed Phyllis' medical expertise. She was told to report to Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. There, she met Capt. Alva R. Funk, M.P., also from Corydon. They were married on December 18, 1943 after being transferred to White Sulfur Springs, West Virginia;

Whereas, Two weeks after being married, Lieutenant Phyllis Funk traveled on the Queen Mary from Scotland to England in February, 1944. In England, she joined her hospital unit, the 35th Evacuation Hospital, attached to the 3rd Army;

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Whereas, Five months later, under the command of General George Patton, Phyllis landed on the Beaches of Normandy, D-Day + 12. From June 17, 1944, until October 17, 1945, she cared for wounded soldiers, sometimes finding herself behind enemy lines. She served in the 35th Evac. Hospital, supporting the 3rd Army, in France, Germany, Luxembourg, and Austria;

Whereas, In October, 1945, Phyllis was flown out of Austria to Berlin, leaving Europe by ship for the United States. After 22 months at war, she was reunited with her husband; and

Whereas, Phyllis and Alva were married 53 years before his death. They had four girls, five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, all while Phyllis followed her profession as a registered nurse, working continuously for over fifty years. Now 87 years old, she enjoys her family and friends, and is always asked to retell the stories of World War II: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors the life and service
2 of Phyllis Rowe Funk.

3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Phyllis Rowe Funk.

